

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Martin Edward Lee Pickford et al.	§ Group Art Unit:	3738
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		§ Examiner:	C.D. Prone
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**Response to Office Action Dated January 16, 2009**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Date: July 14, 2009

Dear Examiner:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2009. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.